

Dear Herzberg: family,

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"The pain that you've been feeling, can't compare to the joy that's coming" (Romans 8:18).
Know that your son did not die in vain, know that he valiantly gave the ultimate sacrifice and know that his story will live on in my heart and others. Your son, Eric paid with his life in exchange for our freedom, we are able to live in safety from violence, death, and destruction. My friends and I are able to ride our bikes, walk the dog, and roam the shores of Lake Michigan with the faintest thought of conflict and fearfulness. We are able to do these wonderful things all because of your brilliant, faithful, and intelligent son gave up his life for us. When I first read about your courageous son and his story, many things struck my heart but the most amazing connection was that he and his family are Catholic too! I could not describe when I read this, it felt like the Holy Spirit was among him and his story! His story of faithfulness and becoming a Marine is beyond inspiring to me and others. I know that your son's faithfulness, dedication, strength will live on in his legacy! I pledge to you, Eric, and your family, to continue praying for you, your family, your comrades, and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Herzberg you are wonderful parents, who are guided by the LORD, for you have guided a son to be faithful, know that you have changed my life all because of you and your son!

God Bless, Thank you!

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